



# SAM Release Notes

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## Change Log

Version #	Date of Change	Section	Description of Change	Changed By
1	1/7/2015	All	Initial draft	IBM
2	1/8/2015	Release Notes	Additional items and re-vised descriptions	GSA

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## Overview

With each software release, we work to improve the System for Award Management (SAM) user experience, improve the quality of information available from SAM, and reduce the burden for those wishing to do business with the U.S. Federal government. We do this through a combination of minor enhancements and fixing known issues. This document summarizes the customer-facing changes that were made to the SAM application and database in the development window culminating in the build to production on January 16, 2015.

## Release Notes

Description	Reference IDs
<b>Enhancements</b>	
Added a message on the Core Data Review and Entity Review pages reminding users with an Immediate or Highest-Level Owner located outside the U.S., and without an NCAGE Code, to provide their owner's NCAGE(s) Code within 90 days of registering.	13887
<b>Exclusions Management</b>	
Fixed an issue when adding a cross-reference for a firm exclusion where searching with a combination of DUNS and CAGE criteria was not returning any results.	13992
<b>Manage Data Access</b>	
Added the SCR section to the Data Access section of SAM.gov, allowing Federal agency users to log in and access the summary report after the conclusion of each reporting period (note: FY2014 Summary report will be posted to this section in February 2015).	14443
<b>Manage Entity Core Data</b>	
Resolved instances where an IRS TIN match outgoing file was being created without the mandatory TIN Consent Date information being included increasing oversight transparency.	6094
Fixed an issue where the Add Additional Account button was not active on the Financial Information page after the user previously deleted the DUNS+4 information increasing data quality.	11766
Fixed an issue where users were unable to enter an alphanumeric bank account number on the Financial Information page increasing data quality.	12413
Fixed an issue preventing users updating an existing registration from returning to the Financial Information page and selecting the "Add Additional Account" button increasing data quality.	12592



<b>Manage Entity Assertions</b>	
Fixed an issue where users were able to enter dashes, spaces, and special characters on the Electronic Data Interchange Information page increasing data quality.	12922
<b>Manage Entity Reps &amp; Certs</b>	
Fixed a display issue for DFARS 252.247-7023 so that the formatting tables now appear within the application and within the Reps & Certs increasing usability.	12404
Fixed an issue where the application was requiring a middle initial on the Architect-Engineer Response and Defense Response page in Reps & Certs increasing usability.	12892
Fixed a spelling error in DFAR 252.225-7000 in the Reps & Certs section of an entity management registration.	12934
Added DFARS Provision 252.225-7049- Prohibition on Acquisition of Commercial Satellite Services From Certain Foreign Entities to the Reps & Certs section increasing regulatory compliance.	13168
Inserted a missing check box for FAR 52.219-22(b)(1)(i) in the Reps & Certs section increasing regulatory compliance.	13380
Updated FAR and DFARS provisions pertaining to policy and regulation changes made in October and November 2014 increasing regulatory compliance.	14050
Added DFARS Provision 252.225-7050- Disclosure of Ownership or Control by the Government of a Country that is a State Sponsor of Terrorism to the Reps & Certs section increasing regulatory compliance.	14309
<b>Manage Search Process</b>	
Resolved an issue where Federal users were not able to export non-public search results to PDF increasing usability.	13421
<b>Manage User Account</b>	
Added a validation error to require an "@" when updating user account email address increasing data quality.	13519
Fixed an issue where a user-deactivated user account would display an "inactive" status instead of a "deactivated" status in the database.	13602
Fixed an issue where users were able to move past the Personal Information page without completing the Password and Security Questions when creating an individual user account (but were unable to submit the user account) increasing usability.	14005
Fixed an issue where the Enter key is not functioning as an expand or collapse action on the Manage User Roles page increasing usability.	14122
<b>Register/Update Entity</b>	



Fixed an issue where users were unable to update their entity if the old point in time IDs had federal or non-federal business types that conflicted with the most recent point in time ID increasing usability.	12613
<b>Site-Wide</b>	
Implemented notification email for system account profile and point of contact email addresses when system account user deactivates their own account increasing transparency.	12837
Implemented notification email for system account profile and point of contact email addresses when Help Desk deactivates a system account increasing transparency.	12838
Updated the text of notification emails when Help Desk resets the password for a system account increasing usability.	12841
Implemented notification email for system account profile and point of contact email addresses when Help Desk reactivates a system account increasing usability.	12843
Updated system timeout functionality such that after 25 minutes of inactivity, users will receive a pop up window notifying them that they have 5 minutes to click "OK" to remain logged in and continue working increasing usability.	13520
Expanded page level headers for screen reader users in User Management, Performance Information, and Entity Management to assist with page navigation and help in identifying current page increasing usability.	14174
Updated system timeout functionality such that within page activity (e.g. tabbing and keyboard usage) resets the timeout clock increasing usability.	14286
<b>Web Services</b>	
Resolved an issue with the primary NAICS code display of the SAM Entity Management web service increasing data quality provided to downstream systems.	12499
<b>Viewing Records</b>	
Fixed the process of how the application displays the physical address from the database increasing data quality.	12831
Fixed an issue where +4 Zip Code was incorrectly displayed as a 5 digit Zip Code instead of the accurate +4 Zip Code stored in database increasing data quality.	13367
Fixed an issue where a non-U.S. registrant could not see the Remittance Information they entered as part of their registration. The Financial Information section, which includes Remittance Information, is now visible to the entity's registered users, Tier 2/3 help desk users and Federal users with Sensitive-level data access increasing usability.	14043
Fixed an issue where the SAM API was not returning information for certain entity management registration statuses increasing usability.	14370



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